

Niobrara County 4-H Newsletter

September 2026

THIS MONTH IN 4-H

Happy (almost) fall!

I hope that everyone is enjoying the first couple of weeks of school! It's hard to believe that summer is over! As we are closing out on all of the fun summer activities, I want to congratulate all of you on all of your projects! You each should be so proud of yourself!

Record Book season is now upon us! These are due on September 30th by 4pm! These will get reviewed for awards for Achievement Day! Achievement Day will be held on November 8th at 5pm, more details are included later in this newsletter! Invite a friend or two to help celebrate your achievements!

I've included lots of great opportunities in this newsletter, so be sure to check them out and get involved! You'll get out of these experiences what you put into them, so take the opportunity to try new things, get involved, and make the most of what's available to you!

The new 4-H year starts on October 1st! You will need to log into your ZSuites account and re-enroll. Instructions will be coming in the next month!

If you need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out!

-Tallie



The office will be closed September 7, 2026 in observance of Labor Day.



Next Meetings

Council - September 2 @ 5:00 p.m.

Jr. Leaders - September 2 @ 6:30 p.m.

Fairboard - September 8 @ 5:00 p.m.

2026 RECORD BOOKS

DUE September 30th, at 4 pm

Please have these turned in before or on this date to ensure you will qualify for your premium check and be eligible for awards!

Record Book copies can be picked up at the Extension Office or found online at:

<https://wyoextension.org/niobraracounty/4h-youth-development/4-h-record-books/>

All record books are to be printed out before turning them in!

Please let Tallie know if you are interested in having a record book workshop!

Call Tallie with any questions!!
334-3534

What is in a complete 4-H Record Book?

- **Notebook** or **Folder** to hold all of the sections.
- **Cover sheet** to indicate who the book belongs to.
- Completed **project record book** for each project area enrolled. Find the record books at:
<https://wyoextension.org/niobrara-county/4h-youth-development/4-h-record-books/>
- All **signatures** from club and project leaders.
- **White pages** to record all club meetings, community service, non-4H participation, awards.
- **4-H Story, Photos and News Clippings.**

**Record Books are due
September 30 by 4 p.m.**

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What is in a complete 4-H Record Book?

- **White pages** to record all club meetings, community service, non-4H participation, awards.

The **White pages** should be cumulative, meaning you start with a set your first year and continue to add to that each year. It is meant to show your leadership and participation growth throughout your 4-H career.

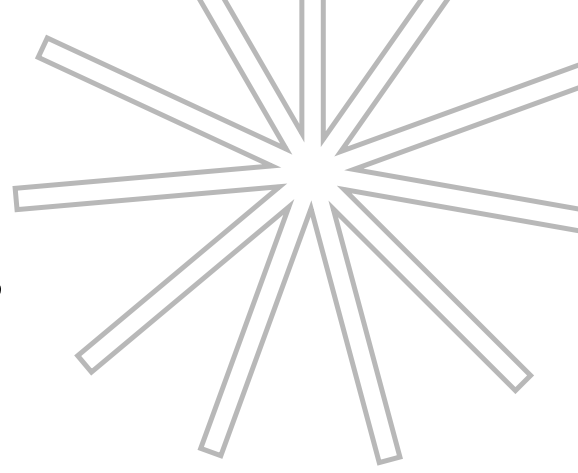
- **4-H Story, Photos and News Clippings**

The 4-H Story is your retelling of the year. What worked well, what didn't. What did you learn? The County Fair results have been printed in the Lusk Herald. There have been other highlights in the newspaper as well. If you need a copy, let me know or give the Lusk Herald office a call for your copy. There are LOTS of photos uploaded on the 4-H Facebook page and Heather Goddard has shared her album from fair as well. Feel free to use those photos!





Fall 4-H Timeline



SEPT. 30
4:00

Record Books Due

SEPT. 30
4:00

Club Secretary & Treasurer
Books Due

SEPT. 11
9-12

4-H Friday

OCTOBER 1

New 4-H Year Begins - Enroll at Zuite

OCT. 4-10

National 4-H Week! (be on the
lookout for fun activities!)

OCT. 9
9-12

4-H Friday

OCTOBER 31

Halloween Carnival (please see flyer below)

NOV. 8
5:00

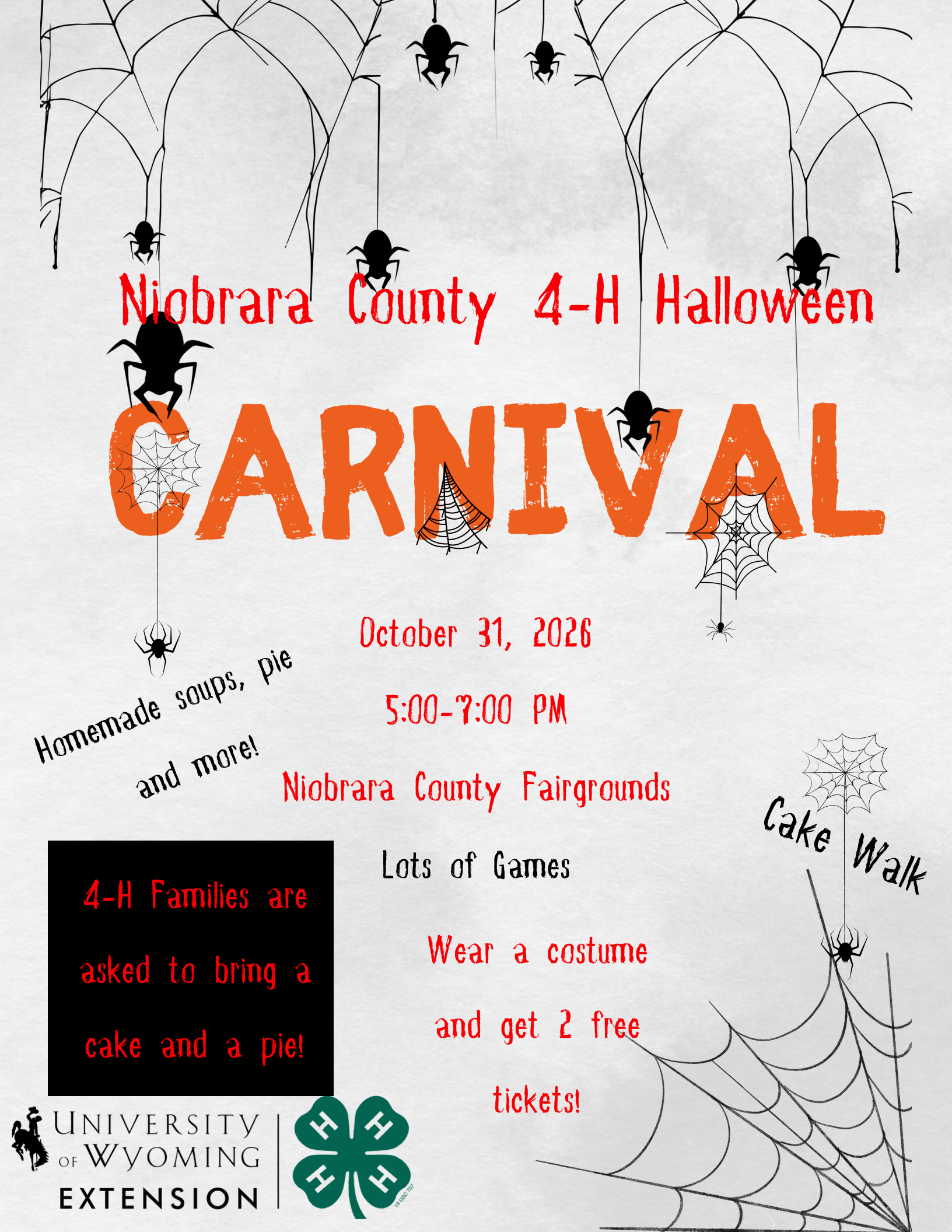
Achievement Day

More fun opportunities to
get involved... stay tuned!



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Niobrara County 4-H Halloween

CARNIVAL

October 31, 2026

5:00-7:00 PM

Niobrara County Fairgrounds

Homemade soups, pie
and more!

Lots of Games

Cake Walk

4-H Families are
asked to bring a
cake and a pie!

Wear a costume
and get 2 free
tickets!



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EXTENSION



4-H
Friday

SEPTEMBER 11TH

9 AM - 12 PM

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\$5 PER KID
OPEN TO ANY 4-H
AGED YOUTH

LET TALLIE KNOW IF YOU
ARE COMING!

MEAT JUDGING



YOUTH CONTEST SERIES

2026/
2027



Hosted by UWyo Meat Judging
OPEN TO YOUTH NATIONWIDE

Contests

Oct. 5
Jan. 8
Feb. 15
Mar. 24
April TBD



Divisions

- Junior
 - Intermediate
 - Senior
- &**
- Novice
 - Limited
 - Experienced

Prizes



Contest awards 1st & 2nd

Year-end awards 1st & 2nd



Series rules can be found at
<https://bit.ly/3Urgd67>



Stay updated via Facebook
@University of Wyoming
Meat Judging Team



Contact: mckensie.phillips@uwyo.edu

(307) 766-2334

WYOMING

MEAT JUDGING

YOUTH CONTEST



Date:
Oct. 5

**EACH ENTRY RECEIVES
WYO MEAT JUDGING SOCKS!**

Register today!

Register here: <https://bit.ly/4qsjCxx>
by Sept. 15 (early) or Oct. 5 (late)

Location:
University of
Wyoming Meat Lab
(Laramie)

Cost:
\$20/contestant
(+ \$10 late fee if after Sept. 15)

Divisions

Junior (10 & under), Intermediate (11 - 13), Senior (14 - 18)

- **Novice:** no prior meat judging instruction or competition
- **Limited:** has had meat judging instruction, but has not yet competed
- **Experienced:** open to all others

**Please bring a
hard hat & frock
to compete in**

*Participation in the youth camp (hosted Oct. 3 - 5) is not required to compete in this contest

Contact: mckensie.phillips@uwyo.edu

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**7220
POULTRY**

Sept 18-19, 2026

Return of the 7220 Poultry Show

**New Location:
Lusk, Wyoming**

APA/ABA Double Show

APA/ABA Double Youth Show

Youth Showmanship

Show Day coop in & out available

**Bird sales, vendors, and
club tables**

Contact:

Ellie Riske - 307-343-0053

7220poultry@gmail.com





2026-2027 COMPETITION

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

POST 3511



Olivia M. Drewniak
VOD Winner 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE
OCTOBER 31, 2026

**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3-5 minute audio essay
- This year's theme is, "What a Veteran Taught me about America"
- National Prize is currently \$35,000



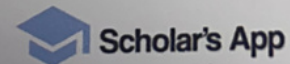
ELIGIBILITY

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (for which the application has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity.

Or enter this link in your browser

<https://bit.ly/4x6YQWP>

<https://scholarsapp.com>



VFW 9th-12th Grade
Scholarship

USE THIS LINK TO SIGN UP:

<https://scholarsapp.com/scholarship/vfw---voice-of-democracy--->

[wyoming---district-3---post-3511](https://scholarsapp.com/scholarship/vfw---voice-of-democracy---wyoming---district-3---post-3511)



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

2026-2027 COMPETITION

PATRIOT'S PEN

POST 3511



Andrew Ge
PP Winner 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE
OCTOBER 31, 2026

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INFORMATION**

PATRIOT'S PEN

- Open to students in grades 6-8 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300-400 word written essay
- This year's theme is, "What a Veteran Taught me about America"
- National Prize is currently \$5,000



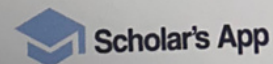
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<https://bit.ly/3UvJQ6j>

<https://scholarsapp.com>



VFW 6-8th Grade
Scholarship

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[HTTPS://SCHOLARSAPP.COM/SCHOLARSHIP/VFW---PATRIOTS-PEN--
-WYOMING---DISTRICT-3---POST-3511](https://scholarsapp.com/scholarship/vfw---PATRIOTS-PEN--WYOMING---DISTRICT-3---POST-3511)

**WE
ARE
THE WEST**

**NATIONAL
WESTERN**
Stock Show
PRESENTED BY
CommonSpirit

JOIN THE NWSS CATCH-A-CALF PROGRAM



Ready, Set, Catch!

The National Western Catch-A-Calf Program offers an unforgettable experience that extends far beyond the show ring.

- Participants must be 4-H or FFA members residing in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, or Wyoming
- Participants must be 14-19 years old as of January 1, 2027.

More Than A Calf

- Receive mentorship
- Build lifelong friendships and industry connections
- Compete for awards and scholarships
- Showcase Grand and Reserve Grand Champion participants in the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions



**Applications open
August 1st**

Wyoming 4-H



APPLY NOW FOR THE 2027 STATE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Applications Open — Deadline: September 7th at 11:59 PM
Must be 16-18 years old by January 1st, 2027
Apply here: tinyurl.com/2027SLT

Selected Team Members Will Get To:

- Attend a leadership retreat in Laramie October 16-18th
- Represent Wyoming 4-H at public and statewide events
- Lead activities for fellow 4-H members at events
- Develop and strengthen public-speaking skills at awards ceremonies
- Receive a \$900 scholarship toward a National 4-H trip of your choice
- Meet with legislators at the Wyoming State Capitol
- Receive a \$1,000 educational scholarship upon graduation and successful completion of Leadership Team service

APPLICATION FOR 2027
STATE LEADERSHIP TEAM:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/L18Z
KQNZDLLEIERG6](https://forms.gle/L18ZKQNZDLLEIERG6)



Hear from high impact speakers, and get hands-on workshop.

Explore Washington D.C. sites.

Opportunities for Career exploration.

Build connections with teens from across the country.

IGNITE BY 4-H



- Youth 15 - 18 years old.
- Cost estimated at \$2000 per person.
- Scholarships will be available.

**MARCH
16-21,
2027**

APPLICATIONS

Apply by September 7th, 2026 online,

More information at:

https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/ignite_4_h



Wyoming 4-H

IGNITE BY 4-H:
[HTTPS://WYOMING4H.FORMSTACK.COM/FORMS/IGNITE_4_H](https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/ignite_4_h)



Help us celebrate the successes of our incredible 4-H youth! All family and friends are invited to attend. ✨

Please bring:
Family Last Name A-L : Dessert
Family Last Name M-Z : Side Dish

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11.8.2026
5:00 p.m.

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Niobrara County Fairgrounds